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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT CAN OBTAIN SOME INDICATION DECISION-
MAKING PROCESS IN MAJOR SWISS BANKS RE THEIR INTERNATIONAL
LENDING. WE FIND QUESTIONS PARAS 6-9 REF A USEFUL ILLUSTRATIVE
LIST ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE OBTAIN CLEAR
AND PRECISE ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS.

2. WHILE OUR RESPONSE BY FEBRUARY 10 WILL REQUIRE TRAVEL TO
ZURICH, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH BANKS AND/OR
SWISS NATIONAL BANK. RATHER WE THINK OUR CONTACTS
WILL VIEW THIS EXERCISE AS PART OF EMBASSY'S NORMAL
INFORMATION GATHERING/LIAISON FUNCTION ON SUBJECT OF
OBVIOUS INTEREST TO USG. MORE STRUCTURED APPROACH SUGGESTED
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REFTEL B WOULD IN OUR OPINION NOT WORK IN SWITZERLAND SINCE

ANY EXCHANGE OF WRITTEN PAPERS COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS.

3. IF MORE FORMAL ORGANIZED VIEW FROM SWITZERLAND DESIRED,
ANOTHER POSSIBLE MEANS OBTAIN INFORMATION WOULD BE THROUGH
OECD OR BIS EXERCISE OR BY USING FEDERAL RESERVE-SNB
CHANNEL, BUT AS FIRST EFFORT WE THINK WE CAN OBTAIN SOME
USEFUL INDICATIONS INTERNATIONAL LENDING PRACTICES OF SWISS
BANKS.

4. WE WOULD FEEL BETTER ABOUT MATTER, HOWEVER, IF WE COULD
BE ASSURED INFORMATION GATHERED WOULD BE FOR USE WITHIN
USG (AND THUS CONTROLLED AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE RATHER
THAN UNCLASSIFIED) WITH NO ATTRIBUTION TO PARTICULAR BANKS
AND/OR OFFICIALS.
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